ISST 5-21-2004 Call Notes

Team members present (P) and not present (NP):
(P) Brad Colman (team leader) – WFO Seattle
(P) Peter Manousos (backup team leader) – NCEP/HPC
(NP) Dan Baumgardt – WFO LaCrosse
(NP) Mark Jackson – WFO Salt Lake City
(P) Steve Keighton – WFO Blacksburg
(NP) Andy Patrick – WFO Corpus Christi
(NP) Eric Stevens – WFO Fairbanks
(P) Bill Ward – PRHQ
(P) Kevin Schrab (facilitator) – OST/PPD/PMB

Round Robin
Background
ISST members update all on activities.
Discussion
Just a reminder to fill out the Smart Tools survey sent out by the Smart Tool and Smart Initializations Team.

10-506 Review
Background
- Requested by DSPO (LeRoy Spayd)
- Current 10-506 on web page at http://www.nws.noaa.gov/directives/010/pd01005006a.pdf

Discussion
The ISST will provide a review of 10-506 to the DSPO in the July 2004 timeframe.

DGEX update
Background
Background information on DGEX can be found at:
http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ost/ifps_sst/DGEX.html
Discussion
The DGEX evaluation took place from March 15, 2004 to April 20, 2004. The feedback on the DGEX was good. The ISST subjective assessment was briefed to NCEP on April 22, 2004. NCEP will be including this information in a briefing package they use for senior management. All is on track for the June 2004 operational implementation of the DGEX in AWIPS OB3.2.

Analysis of Record Summit
Background
This is one of the high priority items on the ISST roadmap. The purpose is to work with the USWRP to convene a meeting of experts.
Discussion
The summit will be held June 29-30, 2004 in Boulder, CO. The announcement is at:
http://box.mmm.ucar.edu/uswrp/upcoming_meetings/AOR_Announcement.pdf

Digital Forecast Process (DFP)

Background

This is one of the high priority items on the ISST roadmap. The purpose of this exercise is to identify science and technical deficiencies in the current forecast process and make recommendations on solutions.

Discussion

The DFP forums on the NWSTC webpage are not getting much activity. The ISST is re-evaluating ways to get this input.